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As suggested by the Examiner at the interview, claims have been amended to include the step of identifying chickens having bacterial infections. The references of record do not appear to suggest a method for treating bacterial infections where chickens having bacterial infections are first identified and then given a feed having the enzymes as claimed.

Applicants respectfully request that in view of the amendments and remarks made herein that the pending claims be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Twice amended) A method for treating [or preventing] a bacterial infection in [an animal] a chicken [caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Camphylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringes*, and mixtures thereof], the method comprising:

identifying chickens having a bacterial infection caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Camphylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringes*, and mixtures thereof;

feeding the [animal] chickens identified as having a bacterial infection an animal feed comprising xylanase in an amount effective for treating [or preventing] the bacterial infection.

21. (Once amended) A method for treating [or preventing] a bacterial infection in [an animal] a chicken [caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Camphylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringes*, and mixtures thereof,] the method comprising:

identifying chickens having a bacterial infection caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Camphylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringes*, and mixtures thereof;

feeding the [animal] chicken identified as having a bacterial infection an animal feed which comprises a cellulase and at least about 25% by weight of a cereal selected from the group consisting of wheat, maize, rye, barley, oats, triticale, rice, sorghum and mixtures thereof, the cellulase

being included in the animal feed in an amount effective for treating [or preventing] the bacterial infection.

29. (Twice amended) A method for treating [or preventing] a bacterial infection in chickens [an animal caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof], the method comprising:

identifying chickens having a bacterial infection caused by a bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof;

feeding the chicken identified as having a bacterial infection [animal] an animal feed which comprises a β -glucanase and at least about 25% by weight wheat, the β -glucanase being included in the animal feed in an amount effective for treating or preventing the bacterial infection.